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- 1. BOURGIN COMPLETED A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND INFORMATIVE TOUR OF THE GDR AND DEPARTED BERLIN THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 6. IN HIS CAPACITY AS A GUEST OF THE STUDENT SECTION OF THE GDR ASTRONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION, HE HAD A NUMBER OF SMALL, INFORMAL SESSIONS WITH HIS HOSTS, THE LARGEST INCLUDED 35 MEMBERS OF THE LEIPZIG CHAPTER. HIS SESSIONS IN BERLIN, WHILE SMALLER, WERE VERY LIVELY WITH A GOOD EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.
- 2. BOURGIN STATED THAT HE FOUND THE LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE AND QUESTIONS ASKED EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH AND CLASSIFIED HIS AUDIENCE AS BEING A "SCIENTIFIC", RATHER THAN "HOBBY" OR "AMATEUR" LEVEL. HE SAID THAT HE LEARNED A LOT FROM THE EXCHANGE.
- 3. REQUESTS FOR MATERIALS AND INFORMATION WERE EXTENSIVE, AND HE WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON WITH A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF REPORT WRITING AND FOLLOWUP WORK TO BE DONE.
- 4. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS HIS VISIT TO HAVE BEEN VERY WORTHWHILE AND LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING HIS REPORT IN DRAFT FOR INCORPORATION IN AN OVERALL REPORT ON SPACE ACTIVIES CONDUCTED WITH THE GDR ASTRONAUTIC ASSOCIATION. COOPER

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